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The Honorable Mark L. Wolf
John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse
One Courthouse Way
Boston, MA 02210

Re: Darren DeJong

Dear Judge Wolf,

I write to you on behalf of Darren DeJong. I first met Darren in 2008 when I was assigned to the State Police barracks in Weston. I was quickly impressed with his professionalism and his helpfulness. I was new to the barracks and it was very apparent that Darren was someone who was very competent and well respected by the supervisors and other Troopers. He carried himself well and had a high degree of professionalism.

Over the next several years I had many conversations with Darren in which he was always a positive, upbeat person. I found him to have very strong work ethic. He was always prompt, attentive to his duties and willing to help the public. On numerous occasions, I observed him interacting with the public. Darren always treated the citizenry with the utmost respect and compassion. I cannot recall ever having any negative feedback from either a citizen or a co-worker regarding any interaction with Darren. He was always measured, even tempered and "the voice of reason". I knew him to be trustworthy and one of the finest Troopers at the barracks.

Over the last 10 years of knowing and working with Darren I have had many conversations with him relative to his personal and family life. It is clear that his family, his wife and his two sons were the most important things in his life. He held his wife in the highest regard. He discussed his sons and their exploits with great pride. He beamed when he spoke about them.

I know that Darren had a great deal of pride in his job. I know that he loves his family with all his heart. I imagine that the events of the past year have been damaging. I would gather that they have irreparably hurt his family and taken away many things which were important to him in many ways. I have always known Darren as a person who has had and can continue to have a positive influence on others in so many ways.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully and Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. J. Burke', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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